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Identifying the principal protective antigenic determinants of type A botulinum neurotoxin.

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The neurotoxins from Clostridium botulinum (BoNT serotypes A-G) exert their lethal effect by preventing the release of acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junction. As with tetanus toxin, immunization with a non-toxic fragment, the 50 kDa C-terminal portion of BoNT/A (Hc; residues 861-1296), protects mice against lethal challenges with the intact toxin. To locate the neutralizing epitopes, several protective monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) against BoNT/A-Hc were isolated and cloned. Specific binding of the mAbs to BoNT/A-Hc was demonstrated by surface plasmon resonance, with Kas in the range of 10(-10) to 10(-11) M. These antibodies recognized a genetically engineered polypeptide (1150-1289) that was previously shown to induce protective immunity. Prior to the determination of the X-ray crystal structure of the tetanus neurotoxin Hc fragment, molecular modelling studies indicated that it contained two highly solvent-exposed loops. Based on these predictions, two 25-mer Hc-peptides corresponding to these two regions were synthesized and were demonstrated to bind the neutralizing mAbs. Mice immunized with the Hc-peptides had high levels of antibodies that recognized BoNT/A-Hc. However, immunizations with only one of the Hc peptides protected when mice were challenged with BoNT/A. On the basis of these analyses, it should be possible to develop small peptides that could be useful in the design of future vaccines against these neurotoxins.

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Antagonism of the intracellular action of botulinum neurotoxin type A with monoclonal antibodies that map to light-chain epitopes.

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mAbs were produced in mice against highly purified, renatured light chain of botulinum neurotoxin A (BoNT A) that was immobilised on nitrocellulose to avoid the undesirable use of toxoids. Subcutaneous implants of relatively high amounts (up to 10 micrograms each) of LC allowed its slow release into the systemic circulation and, thus, yielded much higher antibody titres against the underivatized antigen than had hitherto been obtained by conventional immunization. Seven stable hybridoma cell lines were established which secrete mAb of IgG1 and IgG2b subclasses reactive specifically with BoNT A and LC, in native and denatured states, without showing any cross-reactivity with types B, E, F or tetanus toxin. The pronounced reactivities of three mAbs towards refolded LC or intact toxin, observed in immunobinding and precipitation assays, relative to that seen in Western blots imply a preference for conformational epitopes. Though mAbs 4, 5 and 7 failed to neutralize the lethality of BoNT in vivo, neurally of mAb7 prevented the inhibition of normally induced by subsequent extracellular administration intraneurally of mAb7 transmitter release administration of BoNT A. Notably, the latter mAb reacted with a synthetic peptide corresponding to amino acids 28-53 in the N-terminus of the LC, a highly conserved region in Clostridial neurotoxins reported to be essential for maintaining the tertiary structure of the chain. Most importantly, when mAbs 4 or 7 were microinjected inside ganglionic neurons of Aplysia, each reversed, though transiently, the blockade of acetylcholine release by the toxin; this novel finding is discussed in relation to the nature of the zinc-dependent protease activity of the toxin.

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Characterization of neutralizing antibodies and identification of neutralizing epitope mimics on the Clostridium botulinum neurotoxin type A.

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Clostridium botulinum neurotoxin type A (BTx-A) is known to inhibit the release of acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junctions and synapses and to cause neuroparalysis and death. In this study, we have identified two monoclonal antibodies, BT57-1 and BT150-3, which protect ICR mice against lethal doses of BTx-A challenge. The neutralizing activities for BT57-1 and BT150-3 were 10(3) and 10(4) times the 50% lethal dose, respectively. Using immunoblotting analysis, BT57-1 was recognized as a light chain and BT150-3 was recognized as a heavy chain of BTx-A. Also, applying the phage display method, we investigated the antibodies' neutralizing B-cell epitopes. These immunopositive phage clones displayed consensus motifs, Asp-Pro-Leu for and Cys-X-Asp-Cys for BT150. The synthetic peptide P4M (KGTFDPLQEPRT) corresponded to the phage-displayed peptide selected by BT57-1 and was able to bind the antibodies specifically. This peptide was also shown by competitive inhibition assay to be able to inhibit phage clone binding to BT57-1. Aspartic acid (D(5)) in P4M was crucial to the binding of P4M to BT57-1, since its binding activity dramatically decreased when it was changed to lysine (K(5)). Finally, immunizing mice with the selected phage clones elicited a specific humoral response against BTx-A. These results suggest that phage-displayed random-peptide libraries are useful in identifying the neutralizing epitopes of monoclonal antibodies. In the future, the identification of the neutralizing epitopes of BTx-A may provide important information for the identification of the BTx-A receptor and the design of a BTx-A vaccine.

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